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Convention.
Minutes of the fourth annual
session of the East Alabama

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MINUTES

Of the Fourth Annual Session of the East Alabama Colored Musical Convention, held with New Bethel Church, White Oak Springs, Barbour County, Ala., Aug. 8, 9 and 10, 1890.

Met according to adjournment, and was called to order by the President at 11 o'clock A. M.; sung hymn 111, "To die no more." After singing, prayer by the President.

After ten minutes' recess, the President gave a short illustration. He then announeed the body ready for business.

There was a motion made that the Convention go into the election of permanent officers, which motion prevailed, and Joseph Lynn was elected President; I. S. Crews, Viee-President; J. W. Corbitt, Secretary; H. Pope, Assistant Seeretary; J. A. Corbitt, Treasurer.

The old President, Austin Pope, addressed the body on the welfare of the rising generation. "I think you have done exeeeding well, considering the time you have been singing. I did not come here to harm this Convention, but come in God's name as a minister, to do all the good I can." He spoke many good, feeling words concerning the various schools and their duties.

The Convention then proceeded to further business. The President called for the letters from the various schools, which were handed in and read by R. D. Baker and J. W. Corbitt.

Adjourned one hour and ten minutes for refreshments.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

Called to order by the President. Music led by Geo. Pope, on page 38 (Windham).

On motion, Union (see Union) School was ealled for and reeeived.

The President appointed the following Committees:

Committee on New Bodies—James Crews, Chairman; I. S. Crews, Dallas Reeves.

Committee on Arrangements—I. S. Crews, Chairman; G. W. Stuckey, Geo. Pope, R. D. Baker.

Committee on Finance—Austin Pope, Chairman; Henry Dukes, N. R. Reeves.

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The report of New Mt. Zion was called for and received. Sang on page 31 for recess.

After 15 minutes' recess, music by R. D. Baker, 182, 162, followed by Alex Lynn, 401; J. W. Wright, 29, followed by Geo. Pope, 294; one by Austin Pope, 461.

Adjourned till Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The body met according to adjournment, at 8:45 o'clock A. M.; singing on page 43. Prayer by Jas. A. Corbitt.

The President then announced the house in order for business. Singing forty minutes by four: T. H. Diggs, followed by D. J. McHellins; Alex Lynn, followed by J. W. Wright.

Heard the reading of yesterday's minutes, which were adopted.

Recess ten minutes.

After recess, assembled for business; forty minutes by four: G. W. Stuckey, followed by Henry Dukes; Dallas Reeves, followed by J. Thomas.

Recess of one hour and a half for refreshments. The dainties were spread in the church, under the trees, and everywhere.

EVENING SESSION.

The house was called to order by the President. Music by R. D. Baker.

After singing, Mr. Austin Pope gave a small illustration.

There was a motion made to hear from Cedar Chapel School, which motion was received and heard from.

The President appointed the following Committees:

Executive Committee—Samuel Kelly, G. W. Stuckey, J. W. Wright, Alex Lynn, I. S. Crews, George Pope, E. C. Conway, Austin Pope, Jas. Crewes, Chairman.

Committee on Time and Place—Geo. McHellins, N. R. Reeves, J. D. Blakey, R. D. Baker, G. G. Glover, Chairman.

There was a motion to hear from Saturday's minutes, which motion prevailed, and were read by the Secretary.

The President then appointed the following Union Singings:

Mt. Moriah Church, Barbour County—The second Saturday and Sunday in May; presided over by the Vice-President.

St. Carmichael Church—The first Saturday and Sunday in June; presided over by the President.

Moved and seconded to have 100 minutes printed, which motion was carried.

Singing by Thomas Helems, followed by W. W. Norton.

The Convention adjourned till Sunday morning 8 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment. The President called the house to order. Music by the Vice-President, on page 144; then prayer was offered by the Vice-President.

Singing forty minutes by four: Sandy Blythe, followed by S. A. Kelly; A. Wheeler, followed by N. R. Reeves and I. S. Crews.

Music—James Crewes, followed by R. D. Baker, Geo. Pope, followed by Austin Pope; ten minutes each.

Forty minutes by four: E. C. Conway, followed by J. W. Corbitt; G. G. Glover, followed by J. W. Wright.

Forty minutes by four: J. H. Jones, followed by G. W. Stuckey; R. D. Baker, followed by I. S. Crews; Wm. Guilford, followed by H. Pope.

The President called a collection and got three dollars.

Messrs. A. Wheeler and H. N. Flinn, were sent from the Big Creek Convention as corresponding delegates.

Report of the Finance Committee:

We, your Committee, beg leave to report we find the Treasurer in debt $2.85.

The next Convention will be held at Union Church, sixteen miles southeast of Enfaula, on the old Franklin road, and one mile from Mr. James Richards' place, to commence Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1891.

Made up during the session, $11; paid out during session, $2.85.

LEADERS AND DELEGATES.

St. Carmichael—Wash Lynn, G. W. Stuckey; J. W. Wright, Superintendent.

New Mt. Zion—J. D. Blakey, D. P. Flinn; J. D. Helems, Superintendent.

New Bethel—Frank Norton, J. Thomas, N. Goods; J. E. Crewes, Superintendent.

Mt. Sillar—R. D. Baker, Sam Bishop, Dallas Reeves, Thomas Diggs; Sam Bishop, Superintendent.

New Hope—James Corbitt, J. W. Corbitt, William Guilford; Jas. A. Corbitt, Superintendent.

Mt. Moriah—George Pope, George McHellens, J. D. McHellins; Geo. McHellens, Superintendent.

Cedar Chapel—Samuel Kelly, Sam Jones; S. Jones, Superintendent.

Union—N. R. Reeves, C. G. Daniels; E. W. Key, Superintendent.

St. Peter—Calip Warn, Bill Lannon; E. C. Conway, Superintendent.

Contributions of Various Schools, and their Post-Offices.

SCHOOLS	COUNTY	POST-OFFICES	SUPERINTENDENTS	Amount
Mt. Moriah.....	Barbour....	Clayton.....	Geo. McHelin.	$ 1 00
St. Peter.....	Barbour....	Clayton.....	E. C. Conway.	1 00
Mt. Sillar.....	Barbour....	Clayton.....	Sam Bishop...	1 00
New Mt. Zion...	Barbour....	Clayton.....	J. D. Helms .	1 00
New Bethel.....	Barbour....	Clayton.....	J. E. Crewes..	1 00
St. Carmichael..	Henry.....	White Pond	J. W. Wright.	1 00
New Hope.....	Henry.....	Lawrenceville.....	J. A. Corbitt.	1 00
Union.....	Henry.....	Lawrenceville.....	E. W. Key....	1 00
Cedar Chapel...	Henry.....	White Pond	S. Jones.....	1 00

OFFICERS:

J. W. CORBITT, Secretary, J. LYNN, President,

J. A. CORBITT, Treasurer, I. S. CREWS, Vice-President.

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CONSTITUTION

Of the East Alabama Colored Musical Convention.

ARTICLE I.—DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

SECTION 1. We, in forming this Constitution, declare that we have no partiality for men of the different opinions which now affect the public. Neither shall this body manifest any sympathy for any of the religious or political creeds that dictate public sentiment.

SEC. 2. This Convention shall be composed of Music Teachers, Leaders and Delegates from each School, Society or Choir that has for its Superintendent a member of this body, together with all who subscribe to and subject themselves to its rules and regulations.

SEC. 3. This Convention shall meet annually at such time and place as a majority of the members present may determine; provided, that in the estimation of the Executive Committee, there should not arise hereafter sufficient reason to abandon said determination. Then it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to designate the time or place of meeting, as the case may be.

ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. This Convention shall have for its officers a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, an Executive Committee, Committee of Arrangements, Committee on New Body, Committee on Time and Place, Committee on Documents.

SEC. 2. All of which shall be annually elected by ballot, except the Committee on Documents, Committee on Time and Place, and Committee of Arrangements. The Committee on Documents shall consist of three, with the Secretary. The Committee on Time and Place shall consist of four, and the Vice-President shall act as Chairman. The Committee of Arrangement shall be appointed by the President, by the suggestion of the body. The Executive Committee shall consist of nine, four of which shall be annually elected. Committee on Time and Place shall consist of five; Committee on New Body five, two of which shall be annually elected.

ARTICLE III.—DUTY OF PRESIDENT.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all the meetings of this body, when present; when absent, the same shall devolve on the Vice-President. His duty shall be to keep good order, and to see that all provisions made by the body are properly executed, and to perform all other duties that may devolve upon him for the space of one year; and if absent, the same shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

DUTY OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

SEC. 2. The Vice shall act as President in the absence of the President, and act as Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements. He shall see that all of their programmes are properly disposed of to the President.

DUTY OF THE SECRETARY.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall record and report all the business of the Convention, and keep a record of all other proceedings of the Convention, as the body may direct; and also act as Treasurer.

DUTY OF THE COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

SEC. 4. It is the duty of the Committee of Arrangements to overlook and see that such arrangements are made as will promote the interest of the body; also designate those who shall act as foreman at the house of Vocal Exercises.

DUTY OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to visit the schools and societies in the bounds of this Convention, and see that they have a Superintendent to conduct them, and look after the general welfare of the Convention.

DUTY OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Documents to see that the bounds of this Convention be enlarged, and to examine newly organized schools, and to look after all grievances, money, all schools, or societies, or other parties belonging to the Convention, and also report the same to the body.

ARTICLE IV.—PRESIDENT—WHEN ALLOWED TO VOTE.

SECTION 1. The President shall not vote, only in case of a tie, then he may vote to untie, which makes it a decision. If the Vice-President be acting as President, he is not allowed to vote, only in case of an equal division of the body. In this case, the President or Vice-President may vote or decline voting, as the case may be.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President shall not vote as Chairman of the Arranging Committee, except when they are equally divided.

ARTICLE V.—REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. Any School, Society or Choir, that is in subordination to this body, is entitled to representation by two of its members, who shall bring letters from the schools of which they are members, stating the condition of the body at home, and the number of scholars and leaders,

SEC. 2. It is the duty of every member of this body to attend the annual meetings when it is not to the material injury of their welfare or business. Any teacher who shall fail for three consecutive annual meetings to attend, without such reasons as stated above, and without such reasons given, must be expelled from this body.

SEC. 3. If any member should act so as to bring reproach upon himself, he is liable to be dealt with by this body. If he fails to give satisfaction, this proves him guilty of such charge and he must be expelled.

NOTICE OF CHARGES OF OFFENCES.

SEC. 4. If any member be absent at the time of any charge being preferred against him, the President must cause him to be notified thereof; then should he fail to appear and answer at the first annual meeting thereafter, notification being given, he must be expelled.

SEC. 5. Charges must be made in writing and signed by the accuser.

ARTICLE VI.—MOTIONS—WHEN IN ORDER.

SECTION 1. All motions must be seconded to be in order. All amendments shall be first in order, then the question, which may be put to the body before the body, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

FLOOR PRIVILEGE.

SEC. 1. No member shall be allowed to address the body more than three times, on the same subject, without permission from the President, and then only once. Neither shall any foreman, when leading, occupy more time than the Committee of Arrangements has assigned, without the permission of the President, which permission cannot exceed fifteen minutes.

SEC. 3. Any member knowingly violating Sec. 2 of Art. VI., shall be deprived of the floor for a time not less than twelve months.

SEC. 4. List of teachers and leaders present, to be made annually and deposited with the Secretary, who shall record the same in the minutes of the convention, and for the future no school, or society, or choir, shall be received in this Convention without a dollar from his school for the purpose of the Convention.

SEC. 5. This Constitution shall not be altered only by two-thirds of the majority of the members present at an annual meeting.

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